

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to James Olson, who will be retiring from the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Federal Government after more than 28 years of service; and,

*Whereas*, James began his career with Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on July 2, 1989, as a special agent assigned to the ATF office in St. Paul, Minnesota, and in June 1997, transferred to the ATF office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, James worked gun investigations until he began Certified Fire Investigator Candidate School to become a certified fire investigator, which he accomplished in February 2005 and began his work investigating fire scenes with the South Dakota State Fire Marshals and other offices in many states; he has also been certified in the Certified Explosives Specialist Program; and,

*Whereas*, James received ATF National Response Team selection on November 2003 and brought this group to South Dakota during his career for fire investigations that were large and the need for assistance was in place to determine cause; and,

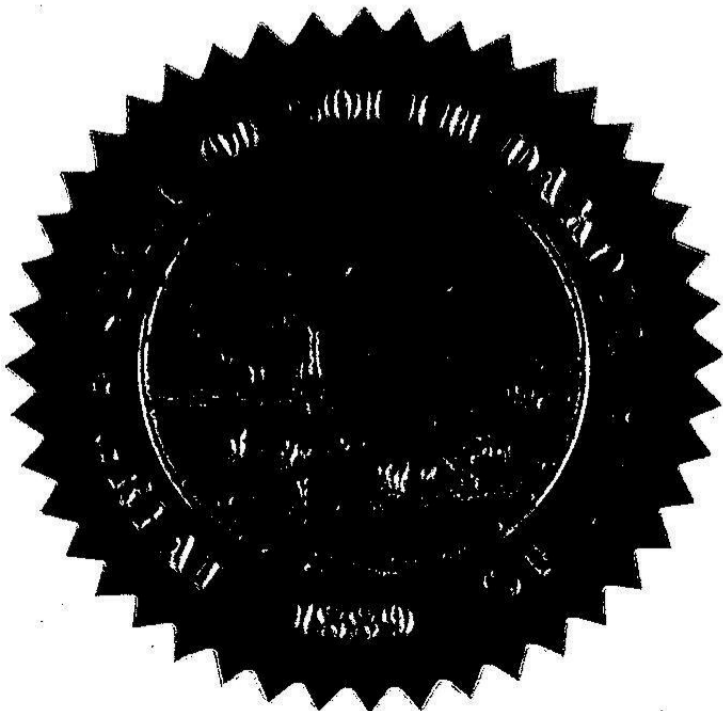
*Whereas*, James became active in the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) in the states of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota in 2001, holding various offices in those organizations and presenting trainings at many IAAI conferences and various fire departments over the years; and,

*Whereas*, On August 29, 2017, James is retiring, therefore, it is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 29, 2017, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State